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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: WITHERS et al.
For: THERMAL AND ELECTROCHEMICAL PROCESS FOR METAL PRODUCTION

Enclosed are the following:

- ☒ Letter: SUBMISSION OF INCOMPLETE APPLICATION
- ☒ Specification 27 pages; Claims 11 pages; Abstract 1 page
- ☐ Declaration and Power of Attorney
- ☒ Sheet(s) of drawings 4 pages
- ☐ An assignment of the invention to: _____
- ☐ A certified copy of _____ application No. _____, filed _____
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Non-Publication Request
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

Priority is hereby claimed under 35 USC 119 by way of _____ patent application
No. _____ filed _____.

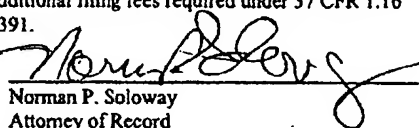
Benefit is hereby claimed under Title 35, United States Code 119(c) of United States provisional
application No. 60/496,981 filed August 20, 2003.

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		SMALL ENTITY	LARGE ENTITY
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